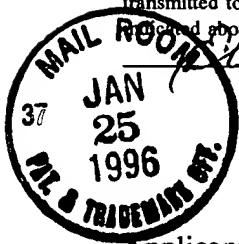


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We authorize the charging of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) and any additional fees and crediting of overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 07-1060, and for this purpose, we enclose a duplicate copy of this petition

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